

## House Resolution 1082

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Jordan of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, and Fludd of the 66<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Mr. Arby Edwards; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Arby Edwards' extensive education includes a Bachelor of Science in  
3 accounting and business law from East Tennessee State University, a Master of Arts in  
4 international relations from Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan, and an Associate's Degree  
5 in computer technology from Rhodes College; and
- 6 WHEREAS, on October 29, 1972, Mr. Edwards survived a traumatic experience when his  
7 flight out of Houston, Texas, was hijacked by four men and taken to Cuba where he was held  
8 for several days by the Cuban government as a spy; and
- 9 WHEREAS, one person on such flight was killed and Mr. Edwards finally was permitted to  
10 come home after the U.S. State Department was able to secure his release; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards began his professional career as the administrator of the Ouchita  
12 Job Corps Center in Hot Springs, Arkansas, from where he made the transition into a career  
13 with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and
- 14 WHEREAS, between 1965 and 1988 with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Mr. Edwards  
15 worked as a Customs Criminal Investigator and Customs representative at the U.S. embassies  
16 in both Japan and Korea; and
- 17 WHEREAS, after retiring from U.S. Customs and Border Protection in 1988, Mr. Edwards  
18 began his second career as a tax auditor for the State of Washington which he continued until  
19 1999; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards moved to Fayetteville, Georgia, in 2001 with his wife, Yuko, and  
21 his children, Jennifer Momoko and Anthony Kent; and

22 WHEREAS, since moving to Fayetteville, Mr. Edwards has been a leader in civil rights in  
23 the community and has served as a shining example for all there of how to be a fully  
24 contributing member of the community.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body commend Mr. Arby Edwards for his contributions to his country  
27 and his community.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Arby Edwards.